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AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY SANA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1479

CINCEUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, SU

SUBJECT: NIMEIRI'S MONTHLY FACE THE NATION TELEVISION ADDRESS:

COMMENT

REF: KHARTOUM 1466

1. IN HIS MONTHLY TELEVISION SPEECH APRIL 28 NIMEIRI
TOOK SWIPES AGAINST LIBYA, RUSSIA AND ISRAEL BUT HIS
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PRINCIPAL EMPHASIS WAS ON SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA. HIS
PERSONAL DISGUST FOR MENGISTU WAS EVIDENT.
HE AGAIN WARNED OF DANGERS OF QUOTE NEW SOCIALIST
IMPERIALISM UNQUOTE. IN CONTRAST, HE WAS FULL OF PRAISE
FOR EGYPTIANS, SAUDIS, MOROCCANS, AND WESTERN NATIONS
IN GENERAL. HE AGAIN EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE AND
HINTED AT STERN LECTURE WHICH WE ARE TOLD HE DID GIVE ANGOLAN

DEL HERE REGARDING USE THEIR COUNTRY AS BASE BY COMMUNISTS FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST NEIGHBOR.

2. FOR FIRST TIME PUBLICLY HE ACKNOWLEDGED SUDAN SEEKING ARMS FROM WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. AS NOTED REFTEL, HE MADE SPECIAL MENTION USG WILLINGNESS SELL ARMS TO SUDAN, BUT AVOIDED ANY SPECIFIC MENTION RECENT EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPROVAL SELL C-130S.

3. PERHAPS MOST INTERESTING WERE HIS FAVORABLE REMARKS RE CHINA, PARTICULARLY CHINA'S HELPFULNESS IN MILITARY AREA. WE THINK THIS DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH NIMEIRI'S PLANNED VISIT PEKING NEXT MONTH AND IT SUGGESTS STRONGLY HE WILL SEEK ARMS FROM CHINA. WE UNCLEAR RE CHINESE ABILITY BE FULLY RESPONSIVE TO NEW ARMS REQUESTS BUT THEIR RESPONSE LIKELY WILL BE CLUE AS TO THEIR DEGREE CONCERN OVER RECENT SOVIET GAINS IN ETHIOPIA.

4. NIMEIRI MADE SPEECH IN MILITARY UNIFORM AND MADE SPECIAL MENTION OF APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT AND VIGILANCE OF ARMY. THIS BEING INTERPRETED LOCALLY AS EFFORT KEEP UP MORALE OF SUDANESE AT TIME ARMY AT MINI-ALERT AMID GROWING CONCERN THAT ETHIOPIA MAY MAKE MILITARY MOVES TOWARD SUDAN. SENIOR OFFICIAL TOLD AMBASSADOR AND DCM THURSDAY EVENING THAT INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE SUGGESTS ETHIOPIANS MAY BE PREPARING MOVES IN BORDER AREA. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE SUDANESE COULD TURN BACK ANY ETHIOPIAN ATTACK.
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